



"INDEPENDENT IN ALL THINGS. NEUTRAL IN NONE."

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GOOD FOR CHIEF BADENOCH.

He Is After the Dirty Blackmallerers of the Police Force in Approved Style.

A Strong Probability that Some of the Rascals Will Speedily Retire for Keeps.

Some Interesting Dog Day Gossip from the Various Political Camps of the City.

Again has Chief of Police Badench displayed his ability to ably and fearlessly discharge the duties of the office which he so worthily fills, and to teach his subordinates that their duty consists in serving the public, not in acting as its taskmaster; that they are paid from the taxes of the people for that purpose, and that they are entitled to no other emoluments therefor.

This time the Chief has got after the blackmallerers of the police force, and the chase promises to be a long and a hot one. Already two or three of the blue-coated blood-suckers have been discovered in their crimes and discharged from the force. The investigation will probably be carried farther and will search every nook and cranny of the force. The worst part of the infernal business upon which the Chief is engaged in turning the searchlight is the fact that the blackmaller which the talented officers have been systematically extorting is wrung from the shameful earnings of fallen women, who buy immunity in playing their vile vocation by dividing the proceeds of their shame with the "guardians of the peace."

A contemporary informs us that "Chief Badench made such discoveries yesterday in connection with the blackmailing scheme operated by police officers as removed from his mind all doubt as to the startling extent of the infamous business and led to his so ordering matters last night that a special system of espionage is in vogue to-day. Surveillance is being exercised by one part of the police force over the other."

"Chief Badench was slow in coming to the conclusion that the system of feeling the vicious was so outrageously bad as was at first represented. His misgivings have been removed by facts which leave him no course, he says, but to so proceed as to wipe from the force a blot that he regards as a pitiable shame and disgrace."

"When the Chief left town Saturday he was aware, of course, of the investigation being prosecuted by Inspector Fitzpatrick and Capt. Koch, and had himself heard statements from three women incriminating police officers. In the few days of the Chief's absence developments grew with amazing rapidity, and it was a study of these developments, after his return yesterday, that moved him to make up his mind as to the seriousness of the occasion and the necessity for prompt and vigorous action."

All good citizens will join in the hope that Chief Badench's efforts to stamp out this nefarious system which has brought disgrace upon Chicago's police force will be eminently successful. It has long been the blackest stain upon the escutcheon of that department of our public service that such a vampire trade could flourish unchecked in our midst, for that a regular system of blackmailing and fleecing unfortunate in the levee and other districts where the social vice flourishes has for years prevailed in the Chicago police force is well known. This has been notorious, and the pity of it is that some Badench has not appeared upon the scene earlier to set his sturdy foot upon the dragon's neck.

The records of the Chicago police department team with evidence of this, its darkest disgrace. The periodical round-up of the proprietresses of houses of ill-fame have been regular and lucrative proceedings in the past and they brought grief to the mill not only of the "coppers on the beat" but to his honor the justice of the peace and that slimy thing, the professional ball shark.

What has been the result? The social as well as the public life of this city is stained with the corruption which has seeped into it, here and there, from this very source. Ex-police officials, who have worn higher emblems of office than a patrolman's star, have grown rich in the course of a few brief years, built splendid resi-

dences in the districts where reside the elite or upstartdom of Chicago, their fair daughters are leaders in social events, the angels of church picnics or the belles of the seaside resorts when the rays of the summer's sun grow too torrid for life in Chicago.

The professional ball shark has found this way into public life, and brought his way into social recognition.

The Mary Shays, Kittle Gaines and Mamie Whites have been giving of their earnings for years toward the upbuilding of the fortunes of many who have held honorable office, and toward the maintenance of the fashionable existence of no small number of some of Chicago's latter day would-be members of Chicago's upper ten.

Some of the men who have been discharged in disgrace from high office in the force for these very crimes by chief executives of the city have, from time to time, been reinstated by other chief executives who have come into power later, on account of some political or personal consideration.

Some of these latter are now in high feather on the police force of Chicago. More is the pity.

The Eagle hopes that when Chief Badench gets through with these fellows he will go after the petty thieves of the force who levy blackmail on saloonkeepers in the shape of free drinks and cigars given for special privileges, and later for the still more despicable wretches who make even the poor fruit peddlers and the little bootblacks pay tribute in fruit and shoe shines to "the finest."

Let the cleaning process be thorough. Let it begin at the top and go clear through to the bottom, and when it is concluded Chicago will be prouder than ever of its big, manly, honest Chief of Police.

Among the names spoken of for drainage trustees on the Democratic ticket it that of Mr. Michael Shields, the wholesale candy manufacturer. Mr. Shields resides in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

The talk about a fierce factional fight in the local Republican party ranks keeps daily increasing, and there is good ground for the belief that it is not all baseless.

Strangely, too, the talk is mostly indulged in by the premier Republican organ—the esteemed Tribune. When that paper has to print a column or two every morning showing that the fight is growing and daily increasing in bitterness and intensity, outsiders may be pardoned for taking some stock in it. The fight, however, seems to be a peculiar one. One side, which comprises the flower of the old organization, the men who led Republicans to victory after victory of late, and who appear individually and in the aggregate to be the shrewder politicians and the abler men generally, are turned down and nailed every time there is an encounter.

This would appear to be explainable only on three propositions. First, the former are split up and divided among themselves, suspicious and jealous of each other, concerted action being apparently impossible. Second, the city hall people are united, loyal and aggressive. Third, the latter have the city hall patronage.

Under those circumstances it is not surprising that the Swift cohorts seem able to hold their places in the saddle, and refuse to be unhorsed by even such able warriors as Ald. J. R. Mann, Henry L. Hertz, William Lorimer, Judge Carter and Doc Jamieson. It will not be surprising if the latter's ranks will be broken and disheartened by the result of the fight which is sure to develop in the approaching drainage board election.

There is hardly a doubt that both sides will try issues in an attempt to dictate the five Republican nominees for the Board, and it would now ap-

pear that the new City Hall machine will win. Outside of Ald. M. B. Madden, it must be admitted, Mayor Geo. B. Swift is by all odds the ablest local Republican leader. Madden, the shrewdest of them all, is in a queer mood, and occupies a queer position just now. He seems to be "sulking in his tent," at present. He has not been treated just right by some of the men whose political fortunes he has made and whom he has boosted from obscurity into office. Being chivalrous he let his old-time opponent, George B. Swift, march upon a perfectly smooth road to power and office, a road which would have proved much more rocky for Mr. Swift, but for the tactics pursued by the Fourth Ward statesman in handling his own campaign for the mayoralty. It has been said that Mr. Swift has not duly recognized all this, and so Mr. Madden has sulked, and Mr. Swift, though opposed by many able men in what is known as the old machine, has now no foe man worthy of his steel.

With these men in possession of the city patronage, Mr. Swift with his particular following would not have a ghost of a show, but without the City Hall and with Madden in the dumps, the County Building men's prospects look not over bright.

Upon the developments of the fall campaign great things may depend. If the Swift cohorts should win at the polls and run the drainage district convention, it may cause a stampede in the ward leaders, who, though but so many cogs in the machine, yet go to make up the whole.

The Brainards of the First Ward, the Magisterals in the Fifth, the Hogans in the Sixth, the Dexter Burkes and the John A. Cooks in the Seventh, the Bidwells in the Ninth, the Nagls and the Carters in the Twelfth, the Stanwoods and the Balrds in the Thirteenth, the E. J. Dwyers in the Seventeenth, and so on through the rank and file of the wards who have been ruthlessly turned down and utterly deprived of their patronage may rush over to the Swift banner, declare a conditional surrender and leave the Koehersperger-Gilbert-Jamieson-Mann-Lorimer-Hertz machine without wheels to run upon stranded high and dry.

In that case one can easily foresee the Swift-Raymond-Kent-Kerr combine running the city elections next spring, dictating everything in sight, perfecting its equipment for the legislative nominations and the United States Senatorial battle next year, naming the Cook County candidate for Governor next fall, and leaving a perfectly arranged program for the nomination of a Mayoral candidate to succeed Mr. Swift in the spring of 1897, and a ticket for the balance of the city offices that will oust City Treasurer Wolf, City Attorney West and City Clerk Van Cleave in short order.

Such to a man up a tree seems to be the drift of events just now.

To the average Democrat watching the movements of the political tides from the obscurity to which overconfidence, servation and demoralization



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Adjutant General of Illinois.

In the days of success consigned him, the whole thing is of curious and absorbing interest. It will also be studied, perhaps, with profit, for the future.

Great preparations are now being made by the clerks of the Recorder's office for their second annual picnic, which occurs at St. Paul Park next Saturday. The clerks have a decidedly unique invitation in the shape of a warranty deed, statutory form. The deed conveys to the people, their wives, families, sweethearts and friends a royal good time, consideration of deed being 50 cents. The entertainment part of the program will be in charge of Julius Ludwig and Ben Donnelly. These gentlemen promise to eclipse anything given at a picnic. Great fun is in store for those who attend. Trains will leave union depot, Canal and Adams streets, from 9:15 a. m. to 2 p. m. The committee promises to pay particular attention to the comfort of women and children.

Mr. Joseph J. Duffy, of the Twentieth Ward, is a candidate for drainage trustee.

Supt. Barrett, of the fire alarm telegraph, has returned from New York.

The family of Hon. William Elsfeldt, Jr., of the Twentieth Ward, is having a fine time at Twin Lakes.

Justice Miles Kehoe's handsome rooms at 151 West Madison street are much admired.

The present County Board is doing excellent service for the Democratic party. It shows how nicely a body of fifteen men can distinguish itself by doing nothing.

Bolivia the other day presented an ultimatum to Peru for a violation of territory during the latter's recent revolution. Peru promptly refused to apologize, and now there is a prospect of war, the purpose of Bolivia being to get back one or two of her old provinces now held by Peru and shutting her out from the seacoast. If the war were confined to Peru and Bolivia, it would not be much of a struggle. Peru has had no navy since her war with Chile, and four or five thousand men are all that either of the belligerents could muster in case of war. The situation, however, is a very contagious one. War spreads in South America easily and rapidly. It is already reported that Ecuador has made an alliance with Bolivia. There is a possibility that Chile may also side with Bolivia, and in that case Argentina would certainly side with Peru. As Brazil is not on good terms with Argentina, she might take a hand in also. What the outcome of such a Kilkenny fight would be no one can say.

Judge Ross, of the United States Circuit Court of California, has decided that the government cannot bring suit against the Leland Stanford estate to

recover the money loaned to him and the other "Big Four" stockholders of the Central Pacific road. The judge admits they got the money, or bonds, and that "the acceptance of the bonds was an implied act of the stockholders to pay them." But he says there was no explicit, unqualified provision for repayment. And then the judge goes on to say that "the government had no intention of making these men individually responsible." Acting on that assumption, he holds that the general government cannot sue the men who took its money. The tone of the judge's decision is not a satisfactory one, and his sympathies seem to be enlisted on the side of the defendant. On every doubtful point he rules in favor of the latter and against the government.

The verdict of "murder in the second degree" rendered against Joseph Spatz at New York was simply absurd. The man tried to kill another wholly without provocation, and killed instead a third person. If there is any law of homicide at all in the State he was guilty of murder in the first degree. The Recorder in his charge, occupying an hour and a half, made this point so clear that even a stupid jurymen must have understood that the prisoner was either guilty of murder in the first degree or not guilty of any crime whatever. The verdict is doubtless what is called a "compromise" one, one by which jurymen convinced of a murderer's guilt shrink the responsibility of bringing in a verdict which will condemn a man to death, by stultifying themselves.

Russia's transaction in the matter of the Chinese loan is one of the most singular among recent political developments. In effect, the operation seems to have been that the Russian Government, wishing to maintain either actual or pretended close relations with its Oriental neighbor, made a bid for the privilege of serving China with its \$10,000,000 sterling, which China did not feel at liberty to reject. But Russia itself neither had the requisite money nor the means of raising it directly. Hence it had recourse to a continental friend with plenty of idle money and a sentimental attachment to the Russian Government. France virtually accepts this note-of-hand of China, endorsed by Russia, and, as occasionally happens in private life, the endorser of the note takes all the thanks and credit, and its acceptor all the risk. This may be fairly called a novelty in international finance. England has now and then resorted to a somewhat similar procedure, but only in cases where a colony virtually leaned on the home government for financial help.

An Englishman has willed Henry George \$25,000. As the last legacy to the single-tax champion cost more than its face value to defend, he may look on this new benefaction as a gift of the Greeks.

If debts could be paid with thanks, some people wouldn't pay them.

OPEN THIS BRIDGE, QUICK.

North Halsted Street Bridge Has Been Closed for Over a Month and People Complain.

The Main Artery Between the West and the North Sides Impassable on This Account.

The Present Shiftless Superintendent of Bridges Said to Be to Blame for It.

For a month the North Halsted street bridge has been "closed for repairs." The Hercules Warehouse Company, Miller Dry Dock Company, Grey, Clark & Engle, Carden Maltin Company, and the many big concerns on "Goose Island" have been kicking in vain.

Thousands have been disaccommodated. But the bridge remains unswung. How long will this last?

The present cheap General Assembly must be awfully afraid of being investigated.

Everybody knows what charges have been made against the body. Everybody knows that where there is fire there is smoke.

There is certainly much fire when the legislative body of a great State declines to protect its own honor, but that is precisely what the Illinois Legislature has done.

On Tuesday Representative Merriam introduced the following resolution:

Whereas, Public press of both political parties has repeatedly charged that large sums of money have been solicited by members of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly, and that considerable amounts have been paid to them to influence legislation, and that "bribe" and attempted "bribe" have expedited or retarded the progress of many important bills that were under consideration in this General Assembly; and

Whereas, Persons high in authority in this State are reported as having repeated said charges, and as having alleged that evidence of these facts may be obtained; and

Whereas, Said charges are of such a character that they reflect upon the integrity of members of this General Assembly, and it is deemed proper that an opportunity be given to produce evidence which may convict the guilty, if such there be, and exonerate the innocent; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring here-in, that a committee consisting of five members of the House and three from the Senate be appointed for the purpose of making a thorough investigation of said charges; and they are hereby authorized to send for persons and papers and admit their rights and to visit such places as may be necessary, employing a stenographer when needed. The expenses of said committee shall be paid from such funds as may be available for such purposes.

The House refused to pass it, but "postponed action."

Everybody knows what that means. Should the Legislature refuse to order an investigation of the charges of corruption so openly made, it is more than probable that Governor Altgeld will find a way to apply a lance to the festering sore on the body politic. There is no doubt that the Governor is in possession of much valuable evidence incriminating several members of the Legislature. The information was secured for the Governor. It is said, both in Springfield and Chicago. The work in Chicago was in the hands of a man who is very close to the Governor, and the evidence secured is said to be ample to convict several men who stand high in the councils of either political party. The story of legislative bribery will include, when told, the names of both Republicans and Democrats, because the pirates were bound together by ties stronger than any political alliance.

There is in possession of certain parties in Chicago knowledge concerning the questionable transactions at Springfield such as the guilty persons do not suspect is known to any one save themselves. For a considerable period trusty detectives were at work in Springfield, and the reports made by them are startling in the extreme. Nearly every legislator suspected of

"bribe" was watched and followed, and his acts and conversations noted, and a record made of them. Talks between members and lobbyists were overheard by these operatives, and by this means some things which appeared inexplicable are made plain.

Members of the South Town Board claim that an attempt is being made to shield ex-Superintendent Lelendecker from an investigation of his pay rolls by putting the prosecution of a suit against him in the hands of his friends. An investigation into the ex-supervisor's office, it is said, would lead to an inquiry into the methods pursued in the other South Town offices during the last administration. This is believed to be a course which would make matters very unpleasant for some of the late officers.

Attorney George A. Gibbs is a personal friend of ex-Assessor Best, and also of ex-Superintendent Lelendecker. At the meeting of the board last Monday night Mr. Gibbs said he would prefer that some other attorney be employed to prosecute a suit against Lelendecker if the board should recommend the institution of such a suit. Monday, however, it was claimed, he was willing to appear for the South Town in the matter. It seems to be the temper of the board, as indicated Monday, not to make any recommendation for the prosecution of a suit. As the Civic Federation has turned over its evidence to Mr. Gibbs and shows no disposition to act, and the Citizens' Association suit is hanging uselessly in the courts, hopes of getting any money from the ex-supervisor have been abandoned almost by the board. They claim they have no power to institute a suit, as that power lies with the supervisor.

The college athletic world is now agitated by so many conflicting fine points of honor, that it begins to look as if intercollegiate contests might soon lapse altogether through the inability of one college to find another with which it can "honorably" compete. Yale cannot play Harvard unless Harvard abjectly apologizes for ever having intimidated that Hinky was not a perfect gentleman. Harvard thereupon has to drop all contests with Yale and take up with Cornell. Cornell already had a coolness with Yale, and now, of course, must look upon her as a mortal enemy. Princeton bristles up at Pennsylvania, and as for the relation of Pennsylvania to both Princeton and Yale, they are strained much beyond the breaking point. The coaches and the captains are filling the papers with complaints of each other and with explanations about what "self-respect" compels a college athlete to do or not to do. Don Quixote, or possibly Sir Lancelot O'Tribble, might thread his way through all this maze of the college code of honor. One thing is clear, however, that athletics fully deserve all the praise they have received for making their devotees models of courtesy, good fellowship and manliness.

By the death of Prof. Huxley England has lost one of her greatest inquirers. Huxley's name will stand with those of Tyndall, Darwin and Spencer at the head of English science of our generation. His views on the relations of science to religion and his attacks on revealed religion caused endless controversy, which has been oftentimes renewed during the publication of his collected works. But his true fame was based on his works as a scientist pure and simple, and as such he will be honored in the annals of scientific research and literature.

And now Hetty Green is suddenly devout. She says, says Hetty: "I am going to get together all the religious persons I can and go to some quiet place where we can pray that my negotiations with Mr. Barling may be ended during the next twenty years."